[Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai.]

not expedient to discuss this question on the floor of the House at the present moment. The honourable members may take it from me that the Government will give the matter that attention which its importance demands and that they will do all that lies in their power to advance the interests of this country.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know from the member whether the Government propose to accept the final decisions of the conference ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: I cannot say now, Sir, what the Government propose to do. But Government will do all that lies in their power to advance the interests of the State. I cannot say whether it will be necessary for Government to consult the House before they come to a final decision. The matter, as the honourable members are aware, does not lie entirely with this Government. There are the Government of Cochin, the Government of Travancore, the Government of India and the Madras Government who are all interested parties in this question.

Mr. A. N. Visvanatha Pillai: മൂന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറുകാരും പണം ചെലവാക്കീട്ട് നാലുഗവണ്മെൻറുകാർക്കായി വീതിക്കണമെന്നാണോ പറയുന്നത്?

Rao Sahib Dr. N Kunjan Pillai: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഒന്നും തന്നെ ഇപ്പോൾ പറയാറായിട്ടില്ല. അതു് ആലോചനയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്നതേയുള്ളൂ. ഇപ്പോൾ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി പറയുന്നതു് നമുക്കു ഗുണകരമായിരിക്കുമോ എന്നു് സംശയമാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഇപ്പോൾ ഈ കാര്യം വാദപ്രതിവാദത്തിനു് കൊണ്ടുവരാതിരിക്കുന്നതാണു് നല്ലതെന്നു് എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നു.

Regarding the question raised by Mr. Visvanatha Pillai about the development of ports, I may say that Government have been doing all that is possible in the matter. Regarding the Alleppey port the House knows that, during the last year or two, the facilities for shipping were greately reduced on account of the sand accretion and Government spent a considerable amount of money in removing the sand. Government also obtained the services of an expert, Mr. Ash, and on the basis of his report they are taking action to extend the pier in order that the facilities that existed originally might be restored. Government have already placed the order for the necessary materials and I think some of them have already arrived. Probably in the course of about six months it

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